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The continued abuse of the privilege of operating in an open market by Microsoft must lead to some remedial action that does more than simply "sending a message" to them. The Netscape fiasco is yet another blatant example of Microsoft's idea of how free enterprise works and if Microsoft does not pay substantial damages and does not allow competitors to compete without being threatened, what sort of precedent does that set for the future direction of US business practices? Indeed, the message would be loud and clear that such practices are actually permitted by the government if a corporation is large and powerful enough to be able to convince bodies, such as the DOJ, that any harm to that company might harm the US economy; a specious argument since it purports to show how vulnerable the US economy is... which it is not!! (9/11 has proven just how robust this country is.) Moreover, if other systems such as Apple, Linux etc can be allowed to prosper from their innovations, that is all to the good of the US economy as diversification has always been what has made America different... read successful and strong. The feudal system epitomized in the whole Microsoft ethos is appalling at first blush and outright dangerous in full light. Please show courage and fairness in your deliberations but above all show us that, in the end, the interests of the US, not Microsoft, are what must be protected.

Sincerely

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